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**PRESS RELEASE**

United States Attorney Glenn T. Suddaby announced today that, **TAKEEM HEATH, a/k/a “Ty-Nasty”**, age 22, of Albany, New York, pled guilty in United States District Court, Albany, New York, before the Hon. Gary L. Sharpe, United States District Judge. **HEATH** pled guilty to racketeering conspiracy charges as set forth in Count 1 of a federal indictment relating to the criminal activities of the **Jungle Junkies gang**, which operated within the City of Albany.

In his plea agreement, **HEATH**, the 22<sup>nd</sup> defendant to plead guilty, admitted that:

At some point during the time period of 1999, and continuing thereafter up to October 12, 2006, he was an associate/ member of a criminal organization in Albany, New York, known as the “Jungle Junkies.” Jungle Junkies gang members and associates operated within and near the Arbor Hill section of the City of Albany, New York, and routinely engaged in criminal activities which included crack cocaine and marijuana trafficking, possession of firearms, and acts of assault, robbery, and attempted murder against rival gang members within the Northern District of New York. **HEATH** possessed with intent to distribute crack cocaine in furtherance of his gang related activities.

At sentencing, which is scheduled for April 30, 2008, **HEATH** faces a maximum of life imprisonment, supervised release for up to 5 years, and a fine of \$250,000.

This prosecution resulted from a joint investigation conducted by the Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York; the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Albany Field Division; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives; the Drug Enforcement Administration, Albany

District Office; the City of Albany Police Department; the Albany County Sheriff's Department; the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department; the New York State Department of Corrections; the New York State Division of Parole; and the New York State Police, with the assistance of the United States Marshal, Northern District of New York, Albany Office; the Albany County District Attorney's Office; the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office; the Town of Guilderland Police Department; the Town of Bethlehem Police Department; and the City of Cohoes Police Department.

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